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Our Democratic friends already see themselves victorious at the next election, but then they always have these visions until after the votes are counted.

A society of saloon men has been organized in St. Louis for the suppression of profanity and vulgarity in saloons. If this movement is made a success saloons will become too decent for the ordinary saloon habitue.

Mules are not on the datable list, yet they are going higher. The mule's male progenitor who is so frequently found occupying the editorial chair of our Democratic papers continues to insist however that the rise of all prices is due to the new tariff law.

Congress has gone so far as to say that it has no more reason to believe that Peary discovered the north pole than that Dr. Cook discovered it, and really there seems to be a settled conviction now that the American people don't care a darn whether either of them discovered it.

St. Louis last week had a house hold exhibit, wherein all the modern appliances and conveniences in house keeping were shown. There was nothing exhibited however in the way of a method that would prevent a rise in the price of household necessities.

The Standard Oil Co. continues to file briefs in the courts to prevent legal restraint of its affairs, and while the courts are considering these filings the Standard continues to rasp the public. The Standard has law points enough left to block action against it indefinitely, if not interminably.

Missouri will vote on state-wide prohibition next November under the initiative of the people. That is one fine thing about the initiative and referendum, the people can make the move when their representatives in the legislature sell out or balk. The liquor interests will probably try to anticipate this movement by getting the courts to declare the initiative and referendum amendment invalid.

The domestic scandals that are becoming so frequent in our plutocratic class are so shameful that no matter how immoral a member of the "common people" may be he may be looked upon as fairly decent when compared with the immoral plut. The latter put forth as one of the strongest arguments against the adoption of socialistic institutions that it would break up the home. The home is very sacred to our over-rich! Another unpleasant feature about these outbreaks of indecency in the upper ranks of society is, that the woman involved in the case is usually sought by theatrical managers to trade upon her unsavory notoriety by appearing on the stage.

Some of our people are no doubt wondering why Frank Farris left St. Louis to return to his former home at Steelville and make himself eligible for the Democratic nomination for state senator in this, the 24th district. Those who could explain this move of Farris are going to keep very quiet about it however. While in St. Louis he was employed as an attorney for the brewery interests, and the latter need every senator and representative they can get to slave off anti-liquor laws. Farris had twice carried the district for the senate and his return indicates very clearly that the liquor interests believe he can do it again. It is difficult for anyone who has a regard for the respectability of a law-making body to understand just why the Democrats in this district seem disposed to take Farris up again.

A well known magazine writer has an article in a recent periodical in which he claims that modern industrial organizations capitalize their earning capacity, not merely the physical value of their properties, in which, he says, they are right. We believe, however, that

the process is carried farther than this, and that capitalization not only extends over the earning capacity of such industries, but is made to cover the ability of the masses to pay. In other words, modern industry capitalizes the wealth producing ability of the people, and all this wealth beyond what is required for the maintenance of the workers goes to swell the dividends of industrial stocks. The process is simple and complete. It also explains the rise in the cost of living, for, the earning power of the people being capitalized, there must be a continuous rise in the cost of the products of industry to keep pace with the demand for interest earnings upon that capitalization.

Mr. Roosevelt is coming back to the world after a year spent in the jungles of Africa, and newspaper correspondents have rushed up the Nile, on specially chartered steamboats, to the outposts of civilization to meet him, and learn from him personally how he has stood the trip, what he thinks of matters generally and what he intends to do in the future. And yet Mr. Roosevelt is only a private American citizen. Are the newspapers keeping up this interest in Mr. Roosevelt, or is Mr. Roosevelt's singular personality keeping up the interest of the newspapers? The latter proposition is probably the nearest to the truth. Roosevelt is a man who does things that lay hold upon the imagination of the people. He rises above the ordinary and makes himself a personality that wins public approval and affection. President Lincoln was such a man also, and so was General Grant. Mr. Roosevelt will probably never be a candidate for the presidency again, but his hold upon popular affection is secure.

Trusts Largely to Blame for High Prices, Says Governor Hadley.

In trying to locate the blame in the present high prices in living it must be remembered that as a general proposition it is true that no general economic condition is due to any one cause. The industrial trust has, however, had a very important influence in bringing about the increase in the cost of the necessities of life, writes Governor Herbert S. Hadley of Missouri in a symposium in The Delinquent for April. For these combinations have, in effect, repealed the law of supply and demand and done away with the old theory that "competition is the life of trade." A concrete example will serve as an illustration:

In 1896, oil was selling in St. Louis, Missouri, for 63 cents a gallon. Ten years later, at the time I instituted suit in the name of the State of Missouri against the Standard Oil Trust, it was selling for 93 cents a gallon, and during this period the production of crude petroleum throughout the country had almost doubled with a consequent decrease in price, and the production in the Kansas and Oklahoma oil-fields had increased from 81,000 barrels in 1901, to 12,000,000 barrels in 1906, and its price had declined from \$1.20 a barrel in 1901, to 40 cents a barrel in 1906. The competition made possible as a result of this litigation brought about a reduction in the price of oil in the State of Missouri from 93 cents in 1906 to 63 cents in 1908.

The same condition that existed in the oil business has existed, to a certain extent, in the fixing of the price of live stock and the price of beef. The increase in the price of cattle has not kept pace with the increase in the price of beef. This fact demonstrates that the same influences have operated in this industry as in the oil business.

A Package of Seeds.

Senator Stone has the suaviter in modo. There is a delicate suggestion in his sending of a package of garden seeds to Gov. Hadley. The transmission implies that the senator is sure the governor can raise things. The governor can raise things for the raising of which the Department of Agriculture at Washington distributes no

seed. No man has had better opportunity to know this than the senior senator of Missouri. He has had the late opportunity of acquiring such information. The shipment of garden seed may be an ironical suggestion that there are better things to raise than the governor recently raised with the senator and which the senator, formerly and frequently, raised with others, inside and outside of his party.

If the seed package carries a hint to the governor to remember that he is still only a constituent of the senator, and as such has his name written on the garden seed scrolls at Washington, let it be remembered that, during the recent raising of something not in the spring seed catalogues, the governor challenged the senator to resign and come back to Missouri to stand against him for the Senate. It was an open course for the senator to take. It was such a course as Conkling and Platt took in New York in 1881. It may have been his recollection of the fate which overtook those two aspiring statesmen at that time which gave the Stone mind pause. At any rate he waived the point raised and now sends the governor a package of garden seeds by way of a reminder that Stone is still senator and will remain one as long as he can. The further and obvious inference, that Hadley, as a constituent of Stone, will not be overlooked on account of past differences, would be more diplomatic if it were less pointed. The squeak of the gumshoe is a little too raucous.

Under the old Bourbon interpretation of senatorial dignities, Mr. Hadley is not a constituent of Mr. Stone. None of us is. Under that interpretation, a senator was the ambassador at Washington of a sovereign state. The shipping of garden seed was not then a part of senatorial duty, or even politics. Under such an interpretation Mr. Hadley can no more expect garden seeds of Ambassador Stone at Washington than he can expect weiner-wursts from Ambassador Kerens at Vienna. The incident is refreshing if it shows that Bourbons are forgetting their Bourbonism and growing in their sense of responsibility to their constituents. —Globe-Democrat.

One Roarback Fails.

Democratic orators who persist in rearing on their hind legs, pawing the air with their front hoofs and blaming the new tariff bill for increased cost of living are having a difficult time. Their "dope" machine scarcely gets into running order before they bump into an uncompromising fact and forthwith the "beans are spilled."

For instance, the American Consul-General in Canada has furnished government officials in Washington with advance proof sheets of a report compiled by the Canadian Department of Labor bearing on the same subject which has been agitating citizens of the United States. Information gathered shows rents in Canadian cities have advanced 40 per cent in ten years and prices of foodstuffs have been correspondingly increased.

Aside from enjoying all the much-touted benefits of free trade with England, Canada has had no tariff revision in ten years which offers the slightest excuse for placing blame for higher prices on customs duties.

If the Democrats were wise in their generation they would realize that something more than local or even national factors is back of the almost universal boost in food values.

Desperate desire for something remotely resembling an issue has blinded Democratic leaders to common-sense views of the subjects. Voters do their own thinking, however, and the tariff argument is going to prove one of the worst roarbacks ever launched by an American political party. —Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

The Cure for Newspaper Evils.

Just as the moment came when it was seen that private schools, loan libraries, commercial parks, baths, gymnasias, athletic grounds, and playgrounds would not an-

swer, so the moment is here for recognizing that the commercial news medium does not adequately meet the needs of democratic citizenship.

Endowment is necessary, and, since we are not yet wise enough to run a public-owned daily newspaper, the funds must come from private sources. In view of the fact that in 15 years large donations aggregating more than a thousand million of dollars have been made for public purposes in this country, it is safe to predict that, if the usefulness of a non-commercial newspaper be demonstrated, funds will be forthcoming. In the cities, where the secret control of the channels of publicity is easiest, there are likely to be founded financially independent newspapers, the gift of public-spirited men of wealth.—Edward A. Ross in the Atlantic.

Farmers and the Census.

A great increase in the accuracy of the census returns from the farmers, a considerable saving of the working time of the farm enumerators, and the removal of much of whatever misapprehensions and prejudices may exist among farmers with regard to the census are the important results expected by the United States Census Bureau to follow the use of the Advance Farm Schedule, which has been adopted and will be circulated, through the rural postmasters, among the farmers a short time before the actual census taking.

The employment of this advance schedule is a distinct innovation in census methods. It is the logical and practical outcome of the Census Bureau's persistent effort for some time past to give the farmers a clear and comprehensive preliminary knowledge of the Farm Census questions and to induce them to keep written records of their farm operations and equipments in readiness for the call of the enumerators, beginning April 15 next. Many of the questions which will be asked you concerning the equipment and operations of your farm cannot be accurately answered by you without considerable thought and the making of careful calculations or estimates. Therefore, this form has been sent to you in advance, so that you may study the questions at your convenience and have the answers written down before the enumerator comes.

Latty.

Making garden and getting the farms in shape for the spring planting, with a little trouble with the forest fires, is about all that "is doing" in the country near us.

Mr. Will Deeloe was a visitor in our community recently.

Lawrence, the pretty little son of Mr. and Mrs. Lytle Nicholson, who has been so low with pneumonia, is much better now.

Miss Bessie Hudson, our popular and efficient teacher, is preparing a very interesting programme for the box-supper and entertainment to be given at the Flint Hill school house on Friday night, March 18th. Don't forget the date, and everybody come out and enjoy one good time.

Messdames John Polite and Will Cresswell of Apts and Miss C. M. Nicholson were the guests of Mrs. M. Matlock and Mrs. Geo. H. Duncan on Saturday last.

Miss Cressie Hobbs spent Sunday at Mr. Lewis Bean's.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Roy Nicholson of the Plains visited at the home of J. C. Nicholson on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Tillson of California have been the guests of relatives near here for the past week.

Miss Bessie Hudson spent Saturday night at Mr. Henry Smith's.

We regret very much to report that Mr. L. B. Higginbotham, who has been ailing so long, is no better.

Willie Hudson of Latty was the guest of his grand parents, near Elio, on Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. J. C. Nicholson is on the sick list at this writing.

Mrs. Zora Johnson is entertaining friends from St. Louis this week. W. M. M.

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ANNOUNCEMENT FEES.

The following are the announcement fees for candidates:
For congress, \$25; for circuit judge, \$20; state senator, \$15; representative, \$5; collector, \$5, circuit clerk, \$5; prosecuting attorney, \$5; presiding judge, \$5; associate judges, \$5; county clerk, \$5. All announcements must be accompanied by the fee to insure their insertion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

FOR COLLECTOR.
We are authorized to announce JOHN W. COLLINS, as a candidate for the office of Collector, subject to the decision of the Republican voters at the general primary election.

Peoria.

Farmers are very busy plowing in this community.

Mr. A. T. Dickey and family made a trip to St. Louis this week.

W. E. Kirkpatrick made a trip to Potosi one day this week.

J. P. Anderson and family will move to their new home on Cedar Creek soon.

Mr. Roy Shaner, who has recently returned from St. Louis, is in a very serious condition and has been confined to his bed for several days. He has inflammatory rheumatism.

Ernest Vinyard went to Irondale one day last week, where he expects to attend the spring term of school.

Mr. Frank Mallow of Palmer, who purchased W. D. Hardin's farm in this vicinity, has just moved in, while Mr. Hardin is a citizen of Sunlight.

Several of the citizens of this community were called to attend court last week.

Mrs. Effie Scaggs of Frankfort is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Duty, of this place.

Mrs. Williamson has just returned from Indiana, where she has been visiting relatives.

REBY.

Racola.

Farmers are busy sowing oats at present.

Misses Lena and Leona Whaley of Fertile spent Saturday here.

Burwell Fox, county school commissioner, delivered an eloquent address at our school house Saturday. Several teachers of nearby schools were present.

Michael Polite was laid to rest at Old Mines Sunday evening, the funeral services were conducted by Rev. L. J. Kernan. "Uncle" Michael, as he was familiarly known, served in the Civil War and was with General John Sherman on his famous march to the sea.

David Sampson, a prominent farmer of Bliss, was a caller here Saturday.

Mrs. K. C. Paul returned home Saturday from Herculaneum, after an absence of several weeks.

Messrs. John and Robert Poe tell of Cruise were through here enroute to Old Mines Sunday.

Mr. John Agnew, who has been ill, is no better.

Mr. John M. Ross of Old Mines visited his son Sunday last.

We are informed that the tie job business of this vicinity has closed down.

Harrison Murdock of Richwoods was here Friday.

Tom Mercelle of Cruise was here on business Friday.

Mr. Anthony Recar and wife of Cruise passed through here Sunday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. James Pashia, March 6th, 1910, a boy.

Mother and child are well and Jas. is recovering. LILLY.

Old Mines.

Mrs. K. C. Paul returned home Saturday after a two-week's visit with her daughter, Mrs. B. J. Bourasaw of Herculaneum.

Mr. Chas. Bourasaw of this place is visiting friends and relatives at Festus and Herculaneum.

Mr. Steve L. Boyer had a sale last Saturday which was well attended. Everything sold well. We understand Mr. Boyer is going to move to Herculaneum. K. C. Paul cried the sale for Mr. Boyer.

Miss Josephine Bourasaw left for Herculaneum Sunday, where she will spend several weeks visiting her brother and sister.

Miss Addie Paul entertained a few of her friends last Tuesday in honor of her seventeenth birthday.

Miss Maggie Pashia, who is teaching school at this place, is going to give an entertainment March 17. We wish her success.

Mr. Bob Jennings, who was living on the Settle farm, has

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